

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An installation Arrangement for producing hot-rolled steel strip, which comprises at least one continuous casting machine, at least one shear, at least one soaking furnace, a descaler, possibly a roughing train, a finishing train including a {multi-stand rolling mill or Steckel mill(s)}, a roller table with a cooling zone, and at least one coiling reel for the hot strip, wherein the casting line and the pass line are arranged parallel or approximately parallel to each other in such a way that the casting direction and the rolling direction are oriented essentially opposite each other and are connected with each other by a reheating furnace, and by the fact that the reheating furnace is a rocker-bar hearth furnace or a walking-beam furnace, wherein the distance between the casting line and the pass line is designed in such a way that a sufficient residence and buffering time for the thin slabs in the reheating furnace is guaranteed, the reheating furnace being designed to hold at least three slabs and a maximum of twelve slabs.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Arrangement~~ in accordance with claim 1, wherein the casting line consists of one or more casting machines or several cast strands.

5. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Arrangement~~ in accordance with claim 1, wherein the casting and rolling plane are preferably arranged at the same height.

6. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Arrangement~~ in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least one continuous furnace is arranged between the casting machine and the reheating furnace.

7. (Currently Amended) The installation ~~Arrangement~~ in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least one continuous furnace is arranged between the rolling mill and the reheating furnace.